

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 972

By Pruitt

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Harold O. Bernard for thirty-five years of meritorious service to Meharry Medical College and the citizens of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Harold O. Bernard, M.D., FACOG, P.C. of Nashville, who will be honored by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Meharry Medical College on April 7, 2006; Dr. Bernard will be recognized during the Carr A. Treherne, M.D., Memorial Lecture held at the Kresge Learning Resources Center on the campus of Meharry Medical College, which is a part of the 18th Annual W. F. Bernell James, M.D., Symposium; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold Bernard graduated from Fisk University in Nashville in 1960; he obtained his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in 1964; and

WHEREAS, he completed his medical internship and served as a resident at George W. Hubbard Hospital in Nashville; he then completed his Obstetrics and Gynecology residencies at Alabama's John Andrew Memorial Hospital and Tuskegee Institute in 1968; and

WHEREAS, from 1968 to 1971, Dr. Bernard served as both Obstetric Consultant in the Maternal and Infant Care Project #516 at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and as an Associate in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Emory University, also in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Dr. Bernard was certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and opened his current private practice; in 1972 he was certified as a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and he is licensed in both Tennessee and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated physician and ardent supporter of Meharry Medical College, Dr. Bernard was named Professor of the Year from 1975 - 1982 at Meharry; he went on to serve from 1990 to 2001 as Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education in the School of Medicine at Meharry Medical College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his private practice, Dr. Bernard currently serves as Professor Emeritus for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the School of Medicine at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, which position he has held since 1971; and

WHEREAS, an acclaimed obstetrician and gynecologist, Dr. Bernard has shared his talent and skills as the author of numerous published works, including "Management of Heart Disease in Pregnancy," "Diet Complications in Pregnancy," "The Pregnant Diabetic," "The Obstetrician's Role in Genetic Counseling," "A Study of Oral Contraceptives in an Urban Population," and "Serial Urine Osmolality During Pregnancy"; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded for his professional wisdom and experience, Dr. Bernard is a distinguished member of many professional and academic organizations, including the Century Club of YMCA, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, *Who's Who Among Black Americans*, American Medical Association, National Medical Association, Georgia State Medical Association, Georgia State Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, Medical Advisory Board of Planned Parenthood, R. F. Boyd Medical Society, Morgagni Society of Pathology in Nashville, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Nashville Obstetrics and Gynecology Society Apollo Club, and the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernard is also a devout and active member of St. Anselm's Episcopal Church in Nashville, where he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Harold Bernard for his dedication to Meharry Medical College and the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Harold O. Bernard, M.D., FACOG, P.C. for thirty-five years of dedication to his profession, his patients, and his community, salute his meritorious

service to Meharry Medical College and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.